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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY SPEAKER JEROME LAWRENCE

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1. PLAYWRIGHT/DIRECTOR JEROME LAWRENCE SPENT A VERY SUCCESSFUL WEEK IN POLAND, LECTURING AT THREE OF THE COUNTRY'S LEADING THEATER ACADEMIES AND CONFERRING WITH PROFESSIONALS IN BOTH THEATER AND FILM. HE ALSO ATTENDED OPERA, THEATER, AND FILM SHOWINGS WHILE IN WARSAW.

2. AMONG THE HIGHLIGHTS OF LAWRENCE'S VISIT WERE HIS CONTACTS WITH JOZEF SZAJNA, AVANT-GARDE STATE DIRECTOR, AND JANUSZ MORGENSTERN, FILM DIRECTOR. LAWRENCE, IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK OF THESE MEN, WAS DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT BOTH WOULD SOON BE IN THE U.S. (MORGENSTERN ON AN IVP GRANT AND SZAJNA ON A PRIVATELY SPONSORED TOUR WITH HIS PLAY, "REPLIKA"). LAWRENCE HOPES TO SEE BOTH MEN DURING THEIR VISITS TO THE U.S. AND WILL ASSIST IN OUR PROGRAMMING OF MORGENSTERN WHILE THE LATTER IS IN CALIFORNIA.

3. THROUGH LAWRENCE'S PRESENCE, THE EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO DEVELOP VALUABLE STATESIDE PROGRAMMING RESOURCE AND, THROUGH HIS INTENSIVE PROGRAMMING IN POLAND, WAS ABLE TO RENEW OLD CONTACTS AND MAKE SEVERAL NEW ONES IN POLAND'S VERY ACTIVE FILM AND THEATER COMMUNITIES. LAWRENCE'S VISIT WAS WITHOUT DOUBT VERY BENEFICIAL TO US AND EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN FURTHERING OUR COUNTRY PLAN OBJECTIVES IN THE CULTURAL FIELD.

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